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DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN NAXAL AFFECTED REGIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the menace of naxalism and terrorism is still prevailing in various parts of the country;

(b) whether the Government is implementing schemes for the development of extremism affected regions of the country; and

(c) if so, the details of development schemes being implemented, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes Madam. Ten States of the country viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are considered to be the LWE affected States in varying degrees. The CPI (Maoist), which is the largest Maoist outfit in the country, is responsible for most of the violent incidents in the country. The CPI (Maoist) cadres are also making forays at the tri-junction of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and trying to establish their bases in the area. The CPI (Maoist) party is trying to establish organiza- tional bases in the North East with a view to forge relations with other insurgent groups to meet its military requirements.

(b) & (c): The Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for the LWE affected districts, being implemented by the Planning Commission and the Road Requirement Plan (RRP-I), being implemented by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, are the two major develo- pmental schemes, which focus specifically on the LWE affected districts.

The Additional Central Assistance for LWE affected districts, which focuses on creation of public infrastructure and services, was earlier being implemented as the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) since the year 2010-11. The continuation of IAP as ACA Scheme for the remaining years of 12th Five Year Plan was approved by the Government on 01.08.2013. The scheme which initially covered 60 districts, now covers 88 districts including 76 LWE affected districts in the 10 LWE affected States (Andhra Pradesh-04, Bihar-11, Chhattisgarh-14, Jharkhand-17, Madhya Pradesh-10, Maharashtra-04, Odisha-18, Telangana-04, Uttar Pradesh-03 and West Bengal-03). The fund allocation per district per year under the scheme was Rs. 25.00 crores in the year 2010-11 and Rs. 30.00 crores in the subsequent years. Under the scheme, out of 1,46,878 projects taken up in 10 LWE affected states, 1,20,524 projects have been completed up to 04.12.2014 and against a total Central funds of Rs. 9,059.00 crores released, the expenditure reported is Rs. 7,274.00 crores.

RRP-I, being implemented since 2009-10 in 34 LWE affected districts of 08 States (Telangana-01, Bihar-06, Chhattisgarh-07, Jharkhand-11, Madhya Pradesh-01, Maharashtra-02, Odisha-05 and Uttar Pradesh-01) envisages development of 5,477 kms of roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 7,300.00 crores. Out of total 5,469 kms length sanctioned up to 30.11.2014, 3,219 kms has been completed with an expenditure of Rs. 4,268.00 crores.

Besides, two Skill Development related Schemes, namely, 'ROSHNI' and 'Skill Development in 34 Districts affected by Left Wing Extremism' are also being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Labour and Employment respectively.

ROSHNI is a special initiative under, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (Formerly Ajeevika Skills), launched in June 2013 for training and placement of youth from 27 LWE affected districts in 09 States (Andhra Pradesh-01, Bihar-02, Chhattisgarh-08, Jharkhand-06, Madhya Pradesh-01, Maharashtra-01, Odisha-06, Uttar Pradesh-01 and West Bengal-01). So far 23 project proposals have been approved covering 56,260 beneficiaries with the total project cost of Rs. 244.78 crores.

Main objectives of the Scheme "Skill Development in 34 Districts affected by Left Wing Extremism" under implementation from 2011-12 are to establish 01 ITI and 02 Skill Development Centers each in 34 LWE affected districts of 09 States (Telangana-01, Bihar-06, Chhattisgarh-07, Jharkhand-10, Madhya Pradesh-01, Maharashtra-02, Odisha-05, Uttar Pradesh-01 and West Bengal-01) and to run demand driven vocational training courses comprising Long Term training and Short Term training and Instructor Training courses. Under the Scheme a total sum of Rs. 114.47 crores has been released up 26.11.2014 to 09 States.